

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, line 28 to page 18, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Fig. 9, a block program circuit 202 includes a latch circuit 50A instead of latch circuit 50 in the configuration of block program circuit 42 shown in Fig. 3. Latch circuit 50A has a node N1A as an input node, and includes a drive circuit 56A instead of drive circuit 56 in the configuration of latch circuit 50 shown in Fig. 3. Since the configuration of block program circuit 202 is otherwise the same as that of block program circuit 42 shown in Fig. 3, description thereof will not be repeated.